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**\$650,000 RETURNED TO MUNICIPALITIES FOR RECYCLING
Program Partnership Proves Cost-Effective and Environmentally Smart**

Waukesha, WIS. – Waukesha County Executive Dan Vrakas announces that 25 partnering municipalities will receive rebates totaling \$650,00 for participating in the Material Recycling Facility (MRF) Dividend Distribution Program.

Vrakas said, “It is my privilege to provide our local government partners with rebate checks for investing in and supporting this recycling program. It is a cooperative endeavor that seeks to enhance operational efficiencies by reducing duplicative services in a cost-effective manner while protecting our environment, which benefits the County, participating municipalities, and the residents that live in those areas.”

The self-sufficient program uses grant funds received on behalf of participating municipalities and revenue from the sale of recyclables to coordinate program education and to process recycled materials at the MRF, which opened in 1991 and was expanded in 1996. It is completely supported without tax levy dollars.

As a result of efficient program operations, higher market revenues for recycled materials in recent years, and continued grant funding, municipal rebates range from \$ 1,526 to \$152,823. The chart that follows lists rebate allocations.

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“Municipal Recycling Rebates Total \$650,000,” continued...

Municipal Recycling Dividend Distribution:

Villages:

Big Bend	\$ 4,107
Chenequa	1,632
Dousman	3,242
Eagle	5,084
Elm Grove	40,556
Hartland	28,601
Lac La Belle	1,526
Merton	4,819
Nashotah	4,229
Oconomowoc Lake	2,318
Pewaukee	30,316
Wales	5,618

Towns:

Brookfield	25,207
Delafield	16,184
Lisbon	26,969
Merton	3,342
Oconomowoc	6,831
Summit	23,826
Waukesha	13,747

Cities:

Brookfield	121,265
Delafield	18,028
New Berlin	33,676
Oconomowoc	51,539
Pewaukee	24,517
Waukesha	152,823

Since its start, the MRF has collected and processed more than 296,000 tons of newspaper, corrugated cardboard, magazines, office paper, glass, plastic bottles, and cans. This is equivalent to 843,600 semi trailers full of recyclables or 160 miles of material lined up.

For more information about the MRF or the Dividend Distribution Program, please contact Karen Fiedler in the Waukesha County Recycling and Solid Waste Office at (262) 896-8300.

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